



Autumn 2024 in Year 5 & 6



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Personal Note to class We are off to a great start in Year 5 and 6 and faced a huge amount of new challenges and interesting curriculum subjects. We say goodbye to the Benin kingdom as our topic and fly over the Atlantic Ocean to The Americas. This term, we will be learning about the continents that bridge the Atlantic and, Pacific oceans. By the end of the half term each child should have enough knowledge to discuss the question– Can you live anywhere in the Americas? As the temperature continues to drop and the nights close in, keep an eye on your parent-mail for details on events, celebrations and trips. We look forward to a fun and productive year as a school community.

PE Days:

Please ensure your child **comes to school dressed for outdoor PE on the correct day**. Please make sure they are wearing layers and have a coat.

William Knibb: Tuesday and Thursday
Malala Yousafzai: Tuesday and Thursday
Nelson Mandela: Monday and Tuesday

Homework

Each week children will be given homework on a Friday, this needs to be handed in by Wednesday.

Children will be given a list of 10 spellings

Reading at home:

Reading is the only practice that has been proven to improve a child's performance in all areas of the curriculum.

Of all the things you can do at home to improve your child's range of opportunities in the future, reading is the most important. If you need any reading resources, books or advice, please get in contact.

Reminders & Considerations

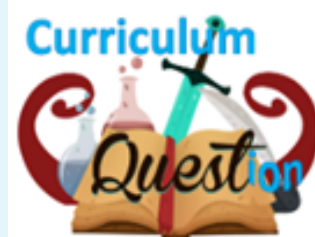
It is a health and safety requirement that all children with longer hair have it tied back, and during PE ear piercings are taken out.

If you need to talk to your class teacher about anything, you do not have to wait until parents' evening– send an email to organize a phone call.

Date	Event
4-7th November	Bikeability
6th& 7th November	Parents Eve
11th-15th November	Anti Bullying Week
29.11.24	Christmas Craft
4.12.24	Writing Open Morning
20.12.24	Last Day of Term



North and South America.



Can you live in
all parts of
North and South

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Subject Focus: Geography

Theme: North and South America

Some special events this term:

We've got lots planned for the festive season, including church services, nativity scenes, pantomimes, the Christmas Fayre and much more.

Some of the children will be going to KSA to watch the GCSE pupils performance of a Christmas Carol.

Trips and Visitors:

This term we will be visiting national parks in the Americas via Zoom.

We will be having our drumming workshop in November.

The values we are practising in November is:



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOUR
AWARD**

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE: REMEMBRANCE

11th November is Remembrance Day, when we remember people in the army, navy and air force who have died serving their country.

Can you participate in Remembrance Day in some way this year? You could buy or make a poppy to wear, go to a service at church or in the community, visit the war memorial in Kettering, write a poem about Remembrance Day, or draw a picture. Send a photo of what you've done, along with your name and class to head@standrewspeter.org.uk to claim a sticker for the back cover of your passport. Complete eight challenges to get your award!



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THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE: CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas can be a time of joy, but it can be a difficult time for people in our community who don't have friends or family to spend time with, or receive Christmas cards or presents from.

Could you make or write a Christmas card for someone who lives near you this month, letting them know you're thinking of them, and post it through their door? Send a picture of your card/message, along with your name and class, to head@standrewspeter.org.uk to claim a sticker for the back cover of your passport. Complete eight challenges to get your award!



high aspirations
talent expectations
knowledge

skills
curriculum
community children
positive role model heritage

enthusiasm
outstanding progress
friendly purpose

relevant cultural experience
curiosity love of learning
love of literature range

Literacy

Key Text: Holes by Louis Sachar

Purpose for Writing: Suspense and Debate

Writing: Children will be using a dialogue toolkit to help the reader get a flavour of a character's personality from the words that they say, and how it can be used to add an atmosphere of suspense.

Grammar: Each teacher will be reactive to the children's needs, using the data from assessments. However, these units lend themselves to the teaching of different sentence types, descriptive writing and using a range of punctuation.

Word Reading / Comprehension: Children will learn to infer and retrieve facts from a text, comment on an author's choice of language and use prediction skills and explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material.

Geography.

The children will be exploring the continents of North and South America. We will be looking at the location of the biggest population centres, key geographical features and biomes to decide— Can you live anywhere in The Americas? This builds on from the Geographical learning in year 3 and 4 when the children studied maps of Europe to find key information, and also to their previous topic which explored some elements of the Trans-Atlantic Slavery Triangle.

RE

This is term our Key Question is 'Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers?' This unit enables children to explore pilgrimage in greater depth and detail. The unit builds on and connects with our prior learning about pilgrimage from our previous unit 'What does it mean for Muslims to follow God? in which Hajj was considered as one of the Five Pillars. We will also find out about special places that hold significance for our children and why they are important.

PSHE & Relationships education — Focus: Valuing difference. This half term we are learning how to be good communicators and listeners, leading to being a good friend and citizen. We will be learning about the benefits of living in a diverse society and the importance of mutual respect between different faiths and beliefs. We will also be learning about accuracy of information online. We will also develop our understanding about stereotypes of gender and how they can sometimes be unfair or negative, linked with gender expression and identity.

Unity

This half term we are showing the value of unity by working together and looking after each other.

The Americas



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Computing

This half term our children will be learning to program and use BBC Microbits. These are wonderful physical minicomputers that have light sensors, speakers and light displays that can be used to solve a lot of real-world problems.

PE

Focus: Netball and Gymnastics. The children will be learning the skills needed to play netball and investigate pressing and pushing on gymnastic equipment.

Music: Children will be learning all about Musical Theatre this half term. We will also be learning traditional Christmas songs.

Maths

Key Facts Y5: Recall decimal number bonds to 1 whole, e.g. $0.4 + 0.6$ or $0.23 + 0.77$

Key Facts Y6: Revise and practice to ensure fluency.

Number: During this term the children will be learning about the four operations and fractions— this will continue into the Spring term.

Look on the school website for calculation policies and feel free to contact your class teacher if you would like to know how we teach the four operations at St Andrews.

We will be working hard to promote good mathematical vocabulary this term, so keep an eye on Parentmail for events and advice.

Science— Electricity:

The pupils will be learning to build and represent series circuits to develop their existing understanding of electricity. Once the basic declarative knowledge and understanding of this knowledge is secure, children will deepen their learning by making and producing their own circuit. We will also be investigating the electrical properties of certain materials and whether they are insulators or conductors. Finally, we will discuss the real world uses for different materials and assess their conductivity.

Spanish

Focus: We will be learning how Spanish speakers say the names of different vegetables and fruits, and using them in conversations you may find yourself having in a Spanish speaking country.

Design Technology—Focus: Electrical systems (Monitoring and control)

This half term, DT takes a festive turn when the children use the knowledge they developed in science to design and produce an electrical circuit that could catch Santa Clause! Can we use crafting skills and understanding of circuits and materials to catch old St Nick and grab a selfie?